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What is a woman? Who would have EVER thought this question would need an answer?

The transgender agenda continues to rage across our nation and the bottom line is: our society has a right to say NO!!!!. No to endangering our girls and young women with this insanity of allowing males "identifying" as female to use the girls/women's bathrooms.

This issue is here, now in Johnson County. The February 6<sup>th</sup> arrest of a man "eavesdropping" in a women's restroom on the campus of JCCC was brought to the attention to the Board of County Commissioners during public comments (which our chairman unilaterally banned from live streaming, depriving you from hearing about this issue). The advice from JCCC Campus Police: women should go to the restroom in groups and be aware of their surroundings. How about the JCCC Board of Trustees banning biological men from women's restrooms?

In the December 15<sup>th</sup> Blue Valley Board of Education meeting, which I attended, a father spoke about his daughter's experience of a biological male identifying as female using the girls' restroom at BV High School. You didn't hear about this because public comments are also banned from live streaming at Blue Valley School Board meetings.

I was shocked and very concerned, so I contacted Dr. Charles Golden, principal at BV High School, to verify if these remarks were true and if the district's policy allows biological males to use the girls' restrooms. Here are his responses:

December 19<sup>th</sup>,

*"Thank you for your email. I continue to gain more information related to this topic and work to understand how Federal courts have repeatedly held that Title IX speaks clearly toward students' rights to use restrooms in accordance with their gender identities."*

*"While we do not have a specific Blue Valley policy, privacy for all is the manner in which we operate our bathroom usage throughout the district. All restrooms have private stalls and at BVHS, there is a single-toilet restroom for student use in the nurse's area."*

January 3<sup>rd</sup>,

*"I am not at liberty to discuss Blue Valley High School students with you."*

My takeaway from Dr. Golden's emails: yes, in Blue Valley Schools, biological males are being allowed to use the girls' restrooms, per Title IX requirements (taking those federal dollars does have repercussions).

Now, let's look at across the pond to the UK to see how they are dealing with men masquerading as women. From the UK Telegraph, February 9<sup>th</sup> edition:

*Scotland's prison service has abandoned Nicola Sturgeon's self-identification policy for new prisoners, announcing that it would base decisions on where to send them entirely on their biological sex.*

*In a major climbdown **following the scandal of a transgender rapist** being placed in a female jail, the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) said it would disregard a prisoner's gender identity when making initial decisions about whether to send them to a male or female jail.*

Yay for the UK!!! A glimmer of sanity.

Back to my original question: What is a woman? I am a woman, a mother, a grandmother, a business WOMAN, a former Kansas State Representative and currently a Johnson County Commissioner for District 3. God made us male and female. But according to Blue Valley School District and JCCC, if they are following Title IX, it's not about biology, it's about "feelings". Really? We're putting our young WOMEN in an incredibly dangerous situation by allowing biological males "identifying" as a woman on a certain day to use women's restrooms.

God help us as we demand our elected officials reverse this insanity and declare that a woman is a woman and a man is a man.

And not to be outdone, Johnson County has in stock lapel pins and stickers for staff to identify how they wish to be addressed: He/Him, She/Her or They/Them, all at taxpayers expense. Yes, the world has gone mad.

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## Children as young as seven might be 'mixed berry gender fluid muffins', Welsh teachers told

First Minister Mark Drakeford is determined to push gender ideology, critics have claimed after emergence of Agenda pamphlet

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Children as young as seven might be a “mixed berry gender fluid muffin”, teachers have been told in a sex education resource promoted by the Welsh Government.

The 170-page "Agenda" pamphlet, which has been promoted to all schools in Labour-run Wales, claims that biological sex “is not just ‘male’ and ‘female’” and lectures teachers on how some “want to change our gender pronouns (eg. from he to she) or want to be ‘agender’”, where they have no gender.

It has been described as the latest “highly inappropriate” example of sex and relationships education in Britain's schools to emerge, with critics claiming the Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford is “determined to push gender ideology”.

An investigation by The Telegraph found last week that pupils in some secondary schools have been told there are 100 genders and children are being taught gender fluidity as fact in some major academy trusts and independent schools, which led to Rishi Sunak

ordering an urgent review this week.

Now, the Telegraph has obtained the Agenda pamphlet, which was produced by Cardiff University academics in partnership with the Welsh government, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and charities, and targeted at seven to 18-year-olds.

The Welsh government logo is listed on the pamphlet and Kirsty Williams, who was the Welsh education minister until 2021, said it had been "hugely successful and has been used widely throughout Wales".

A section on gender identity recommends that teachers play the "mixed-muffin gender berry challenge" to learn about "how you can't assume someone's gender by how they look".

In the game, teachers are urged to make batches of blueberry muffins to represent stereotypes of masculinity, raspberry muffins to represent stereotypes of femininity, and mixed muffins "to represent gender fluidity".

Staff are then told to break open the muffins and stand alongside a corresponding coloured balloon in a room - but there are only blue and pink balloons, with no mixed balloons.

The moral of the story is to experience "what it felt like to go to a gender-coded corner that they might not identify with" and "what it feels like to be given a gender you might not choose".

The pamphlet also recommends that teachers play a "gender-snap pairs" game where they "decide which sex-switching or gender-bending worlds you want to explore" to "crack open a little bit of those rigid gender binaries".

They are urged to research "species that challenged traditional gender roles", with the examples given of seahorses, anglerfish as well as slipper snails which "change between male and female".

Welsh teachers are also urged to "pledge to find different ways of dividing young people other than their perceived sex or gender group (eg male/female, boy/girls)" and both

gendered uniform policies and gender-segregated toilets are criticised for “reinforcing gender norms”.

Laura Anne Jones, Wales’s shadow education minister, told The Telegraph: “The materials being pushed and approved by the Labour Welsh government are highly inappropriate and not at all age-appropriate for our children.

“The images and suggested teachings are not based on biological fact... Whether it be sex education or self ID, this Labour government in Wales is determined to push gender ideology, against the wishes of the Welsh public.”

It comes after a group of parents lost a judicial review challenge in the High Court last December over the teaching of gender identity in the Welsh Government’s new relationships and sexuality education (RSE) curriculum.

Amid growing anger from some parents country-wide over such materials in schools, headteachers urged the Government on Friday to provide guidance on transgender pupils “as soon as possible”.

## Departmental guidance

The Department for Education began drawing up guidance for schools last April, amid concerns that parents were being kept in the dark if their child had changed their gender identity.

However, the guidance has stalled under a succession of education secretaries, leaving a lack of clarity around what they should do when a pupil identifies as trans.

Evelyn Forde, president of the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL), said the delayed guidance should be produced by DfE “as soon as” possible, while Geoff Barton, ASCL general secretary, called for a “sense of urgency from government” around the issue.

It came as Amanda Spielman, chief inspector of Ofsted, warned headteachers at an annual conference in Birmingham this week that RSE “must be grounded in facts”.

A Welsh Government spokesman said they had not commissioned the resource, adding: "Any resources that schools use must be in line with the legal requirements and they must be developmentally appropriate. It must also be factual and neutral.

"We have also encouraged schools to discuss their proposals on Relationship Sex Education teaching with parents and carers in an engaged and constructive way, we know that many parents have found this approach useful."

Stonewall, the LGBT+ charity, said: "It is important that these claims are not allowed to whip up a 'moral panic' with the goal of banning age-appropriate inclusive RSHE altogether."

A DfE spokesman said: "It is incredibly important that we take the time to get the guidance right, and the education secretary is working closely with the women and equalities minister to produce a draft for consultation before final publication later this year."

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